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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

*Re: High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337;
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 19, 2007, Daniel Hesse, David Zesiger, David Bartlett, and Brian Adkins, on behalf of Embarq, met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate of the Federal Communications Commission. The discussion was fully consistent with Embarq's prior filings in this docket and focused on how universal service support can and should be better targeted to truly high-cost areas and tied to the carrier-of-last-resort obligation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning
Director – Federal Regulatory

cc: Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate